

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please insert the following immediately below the title of the invention, between lines 3 and 4 on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of Applicant's Serial No. 09/789,822 filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on 22 February 2001, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

2. Please amend paragraph [0084] as follows:

[0084] When the inventive apparatus is reproducing data from the tape 10, then the units 110 and 112 are utilized. Unit [110] 112 serves to perform processing for demodulating, expanding, and rearranging the data to be reproduced. Unit [112] 110 serves to transmit the demodulated, expanded, and rearranged data to the microcomputer 90. The microcomputer will then perform the comparisons to detect abnormalities, as described above.